AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 3 as follows:

The counting means should preferably be set to on state based on the detection signal from the case detection means after passing of noise influence time, which allows further prevention of detection errors by the counting means. Further, the case detection means may be capable of separately detecting a state from a start of mounting of the tablet storage case on the case support table to a middle of the mounting and a state from the middle of the mounting to an end of the mounting.

Please amend the paragraph bridging page 4 line 14 to page 5, line 5 as follows:

FIG. 1 is an exploded perspective view showing a tablet feeder according to the present embodiment;

FIG. 2 is a ~~plane~~ plan view showing a case support table shown in FIG. 2;

FIG. 3 is a cross sectional view showing a tablet storage case shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a bottom view showing the tablet storage case ~~show~~ shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 5 is a perspective view showing a tablet feeding apparatus on which the tablet feeder shown in FIG. 1 is installed;

FIG. 6 is a perspective view showing another tablet feeding apparatus on which the tablet feeder shown in FIG. 1 is installed; and

FIG. 7 is a time chart showing on/off states of a case detection means, a counting means and an identification means.